(*f*) This is too voluminous and much time and labour will be required in preparing it.

(*g*) This is being done.

(*h*) Mr. T. V. S. Kurukkal, Chittur, is an aided school teacher. But he belongs to a family which has been hereditarily engaged in business and he himself is known to have been a business man for a number of years.

Mr. P. P. Devassi *(Trichur-South):* With reference to sub-division (*h*) is the Government aware that this man has got a permanent place of business?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. P. P. Devassi *(Trichur-South):* Is that business run in his own name?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Both in the name of his family.

Mr. P. P. Devassi *(Trichur-South):* Is it written in his own name? May I take it that he is running the business in the family name?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food-Supplies):* We do not know exactly as to who are the members of the family.

Mr. P. P. Devassi *(Trichur-South):* May I know, what exactly is meant by saying "he himself is known to have been a business man for a number of years."

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* He himself has been remaining in the shop and conducting the business.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Did the Government know that this gentleman was a school teacher when the permit was granted.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I subsequently came to know of it.

Mr. P. P. Devassi *(Trichur South):* May I know whether this Kurukkal is selling the quota for profit in other places of the State?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food-Supplies):* Government have no information

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether the selling prices of these articles have been fixed by the Government?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes. When these quotas are given, in consulation with local officers the price is fixed at which they are to sell them.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* What exactly is the relation between the selling price and the price at the places from which these articles are bought.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The incidental charges and a fair margin of profit is allowed.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* What percentage will it come to if you calculate incidental charges and the margin of profit?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* About 5 to 10 per cent. It varies with each case but it will not exceed 20 per cent.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Which is the article for which 5 per cent profit is allowed?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I want notice.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ സാധനങ്ങളുടെ വില ഇതിനുമുമ്പ് ഗവൺമെന്റു നിയന്ത്രിച്ചുകൊണ്ടാണോ കൊടുത്തിരുന്നത്?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Before they sell it the price is fixed and quota is given on condition that they will sell at the price fixed.

M. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Is it not a fact that a uniform rate of 10 per cent has been allowed over the purchase price?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Not in all cases.

SALE OF FOOD STUFFS—MONEY REALISATION OF

256. **Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total amount of money realised by the sale of foodstuffs of all kinds in the year 1118;

(*b*) the total amount of money spent for the Civil Supplies department and its agents in and out of the State in the year 1118;

(*c*) the total number of hands employed in the Civil Supplies Department in the year 1118 and the number of hands employed in the Department as on 1st June 1944;

(*d*) the total amount of money spent for renting premises for storing foodstuffs by the Department in the year 1118?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Rs. 1,39,42,517—0—8

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(*b*) Rs. 1,67,789—6—4.
(*c*) 689 and 1098.
(*d*) Rs. 14,926—13—3.

Note.—The figures furnished are only approximate. Correct particulars can be had only after further scrutiny of the figures and by reference to subordinate offices which require some more time.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Does the amount mentioned in answer to sub-division (*b*) include the value of gram, etc.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Establishment charges only.

COCHIN RESTAURANTS

257. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) (*i*) the number of Cochin Restaurants opened in Ernakulam and Mattancheri ;

(*ii*) the number of restaurants, hotels and eating houses existing in Ernakulam and Mattancheri and licensed by the Municipality for the use of the public in the year 1119 and existing in the month of Edavam as such ;

(*b*) the monthly turnover of the Cochin Restaurants and the quantities of food stuffs used in each of the Cochin Restaurants such as sugar, rice, bajra, dhall and other articles ;

(*c*) whether any applications have been made by other hotel keepers for turning their eating houses into Cochin Restaurants ; if so, how many such applications were received and how the Government disposed of the same ;

(*d*) after the Advisory Committee have been brought into existence how many applications have been received and how the same have been dealt with by Government ;

(*e*) how many Cochin Restaurants opened have been closed and if so, the reasons for the closing of the same ;

(*f*) whether any offers have been received by Government to pay subsidies to Government to run or to convert such private eating houses into Cochin Restaurants ; if so, what are the objections of Government to allow such requests ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) (*i*) Five at Ernakulam, *viz.*, Huzur Jetty, Mampilly buildings, Thevara, Pachalam and Valanjambalam and three at Mattancheri: (Canal Jetty, New Road and Palluruthi).

(*ii*)

Ernakulam Municipality		*Mattancheri Municipality*	
No. of Restaurants	183	No. of Restaurants	189
,, Hotels	48	,, Hotels	20
		,, Eating houses	41

(*b*) A statement is appended. *(Appendix IV.)*

(*c*) 12 applications have been received.

Ernakulam	7	Rejected.—Ernakulam	5
Mattancheri	5	Mattancheri	1

They were disposed of according to their merits.

(*d*) All the applications referred to in (ii) were received after the Advisory Committee came into existence. They are dealt with as before.

(*e*) Two restaurants, one at Chittur and the other at Champakkara in Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk have been closed. The one at Chittur was closed by the Manager presumably for want of sales. The restaurant at Champakkara was allowed to serve wheat kanji and tea with gur as an experimental measure. This did not prove a success and hence it was ordered to be closed.

(*f*) Yes. One C. G. Sreenivasa Prabu offered to pay a sum of Rs. 500 to the War Fund in case he is allowed to convert his coffee club near the Ferry Jetty at Ernakulam into a branch of the Cochin Restaurant. His request was not allowed because no necessity was felt for a branch of the restaurant in that place on account of the existence of a Cochin Restaurant close by.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the Government aware that there are many coffee clubs and eating houses near the boat jetty ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the Government aware that Thevara, Pachalam and Valanjambalam are very far away from the town ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

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